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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

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**Grant Notification for Fiscal Year 2019**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, are notifying the public that we intend to grant funds to eligible applicants for purposes authorized under the Title IV Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program and the Title V Regulatory Program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. We will award these grants during fiscal year 2019.

**DATES:** A single point of contact or other interested state or local entities may submit written comments regarding AML and Regulatory funding until [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Electronic mail: Send your comments to [yrichardson@osmre.gov](mailto:yrichardson@osmre.gov).
- Mail, hand-delivery, or courier: Send your comments to Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Attn: Administrative Record, Room 4558, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yetunde Richardson, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4551, Washington, DC 20240; Telephone (202) 208-2766.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Grant Notification**

We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are notifying the public that we intend to grant funds to eligible applicants for purposes authorized under the Title IV Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Reclamation Program and the Title V Regulatory Program under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). We are notifying the public that we intend to grant funds to eligible applicants for purposes authorized under the AML Reclamation Program. Additionally, we are notifying the public that we intend to grant funds to eligible applicants for regulating coal mining within their jurisdictional borders under the Regulatory Program. We will award these grants during fiscal year 2019. Eligible applicants are those states and

Indian Tribes with a reclamation plan, regulatory program, and/or regulatory development program approved under SMCRA, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*, and the State of Tennessee. Under Executive Order (E.O.) 12372, we must provide state officials the opportunity to review and comment on proposed federal financial assistance activities. Of the eligible applicants, nineteen states or Indian tribes do not have single points-of-contact under the E.O.12372 review process; therefore, we are required to publish this notice as an alternate means of notification.

### **Description of the AML Program**

SMCRA established the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund to receive the AML fees used to finance reclamation of AML coal mine sites. Title IV of SMCRA authorizes the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to provide grants to eligible states and Indian tribes that are funded from permanent (mandatory) appropriations. Recipients use these funds to reclaim the highest priority AML coal mine sites that were left abandoned prior to the enactment of SMCRA in 1977, eligible non-coal sites, projects that address the impacts of mineral development, and non-reclamation projects.

### **Description of the Regulatory Program**

Title V of SMCRA authorizes the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement to provide grants to states and Indian tribes to develop, administer, and enforce state regulatory programs addressing the disturbance from coal

mining operations. Additionally, Title V authorizes states to develop regulatory programs pursuant to SMCRA, and upon approval of regulatory programs, to assume regulatory primacy and act as the regulatory authority, and to administer and enforce their respective approved SMCRA regulatory programs. Our regulations at Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter V implement the provisions of SMCRA.

**Dated:** February 11, 2019.

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Exercising the Authority of the Director,  
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

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